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Preliminary Amendment
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Remarks/Arguments:

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-26 will remain pending in this application. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a spelling error. Claims 12 and 23 have been amended to include a buccal, sublingual, or oral formula as a potential delivery method. Support for this amendment appears in the specification at page 6, where it is stated that the compositions of the present invention may be delivered across mucosal surfaces. Applicants have merely clarified an additional specific mucosal delivery method. No new matter has been added.

Claims 21 and 25 have been amended to clarify that the allergic desensitization is preventive, that is, the treatment is delivered prior to the patient exhibiting allergic symptoms. Support for this amendment appears in the specification at Examples 4 and 5, where the rats were immunized prior to insult or exhibiting allergic reactions. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests examination and allowance of these claims and issuance of a patent containing these claims in due course. If there remain any additional issues to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 404.815.6147.

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